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PRESS TRANSLATION OF YOMIURI ARTICLE ON HAMMOND STATEMENT

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1. IAW REFERENCE A, FOLLOWING TRANSLATIONS FORWARDED FOR
INFORMATION.

A. HEADLINE: FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCES DENY MIDWAY CARRIES
NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

B. TEXT. FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCESA DENIED AUGUST 13 THAT
NUCLEAR WEAPONS ARE BEING CARRIED IN JAPAN. THE SOURCES
ALSO SAID THAT IS NOT TRUE, WHATEVER STATEMENT MAY BE
MADE BY A MIDWAY CREWMEMBER. PARA. FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCES
INDICATED FOR POINTS AS THE REASON FOR THEIR DENIAL: H (1)

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IF THE U.S. HAS TO CARRY NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN JAPAN, THE U.S.

IS UNDER AN OBLIGATION TO HAVE PRIOR CONSULTATION WITH THE GOJ, ACCORDING TO THE U.S.-JAPAN EXCHANGE DOCUMENTS REGULATING HOW TO IMPLEMENT ARTICLE 6 OF THE SECURITY TREAT. H(2) THE GOJ, WHICH EMPLOYS NON-NUCLEAR POLICY, WILL DEFINITELY REJECT THE U.S.'S REQUEST AT A MEETING OF PRIOR CONSULTATION. (3) THE U.S. DID NOT PROPOSE PRIOR CONSULTATION TO JAPAN IN THE PAST. (4) IT IS ONE OF THE U.S.-JAPAN MUTUAL UNDERSTANDINGS THAT THE U.S. WILL NOT ACT AGAINST THE GOJ'S POLICY ON THE MATTER REQUIRING PRIOR CONSULTATION. PARA. ON THE OTHER HAND THE OPPOSITION PARTIES ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO A MIDWAY CREWMEMBER'S STATEMENT ON THE EXISTENCE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, MADE AT THE COURT MARTIAL YESTERDAY. IN THEIR OPINION, IT IS THE FACT THAT U.S. FORCES ARE CARRYING NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN JAPAN. THEY SAY THAT U.S. FORCES HAS GIVEN NON-COMMITTAL ANSWERS TO THE QUESTION CONCERNING THE NUCLEAR PRESENCE. THE OPPOSITION PARTIES ARE PREPARED FOR GRILLING THE GOVERNMENT ON THIS ISSUE AT AN EXTRA SESSION OF THE DIET TO BE HELD THIS FALL. THE GOVERNMENT IS EXPECTED TO FACE A BARRAGE OF QUESTIONS AT THE DIET SESSION FROM THE OPPOSITION PARTIES THAT WILL BLAME THE GOJ FOR NEGLECTING ITS DUTIES JUST BY GULPING DOWN WHAT THE U.S. SAID ABOUT NUCLEAR WEAPONS. PARA. THE MILITARY PROJECT TEAM OF THE JSP PLACES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE FACT THAT THE JMSDF CONDUCTED JOINT EXERCISE WITH USS MIDWAY AT LEAST THREE TIMES IN THE PAST. THE TEAM VIEWS THAT THE JMSDF'S JOINT EXERCISE WITH MIDWAY INDICATES THAT THE JSDF IS INCLUDED IN THE NUCLEAR STRATEGIC STRUCTURE OF U.S. FORCES IN JAPAN. THE TEAM IS NOW TRYING TO OBTAIN DETAILED DATA ON THE JOINT EXERCISE, WHICH WILL BE USED IN BLAMING THE GOVERNMENT. PARA. THE JAPAN COMMUNIST PARTY CRITICIZED THE GOJ TO THE EFFECT THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS TAKING A TAG-ALONG ATTITUDE TOWARD THE U.S. THE PARTY WILL ASK THE GOVERNMENT TO PROBE THE TRUE STATE OF NUCLEAR PROBLEMS BY MAKING A SPOT INSPECTION. THE PARTY WILL ALSO REQUEST THAT THE GOJ NOT APPROVE MIDWAY'S PORT CALLS AT JAPANESE PORTS, UNLESS IT IS MADE CLEAR THAT MIDWAY DOES NOT CARRY NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

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